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| IN RE APPLICATION OF: | § | EXAMINER: Not Assigned |
| Michael Siskin et al | § | |
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| SERIAL NO.: U.S. National Phase of | § | Not Assigned |
| PCT/US2005/003061 | § | |
| | § | GROUP ART UNIT: |
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| FOR: Synthesis of Sterically Hindered | § | AGENT'S REFERENCE NO.: |
| Secondary Aminoether Alcohols | § | P2004J007 |
| from Acid Anhydride and/or Acid | § | |
| Halide and Sulfur Trioxide | § | |

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment in this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.